



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 619

January Session, 2013



AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMISSION ON CONNECTICUT'S FUTURE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 32-245 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) There is created a [Connecticut Commission on Business
4 Opportunity, Defense Diversification and Industrial Policy]
5 Commission on Connecticut's Future which shall be within the
6 Department of Economic and Community Development for
7 administrative purposes only.

8 (b) The commission shall consist of the following members: The
9 Commissioners of Economic and Community Development, Education
10 and Higher Education and the Labor Commissioner or their designees;
11 the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committee
12 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
13 commerce, [and exportation,] or their designees; the president of the
14 Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering, or his designee; the
15 president of the Connecticut Business and Industries Association or his
16 designee; the president of the Connecticut AFL-CIO or his designee;
17 two members recommended by the president of the Connecticut AFL-
18 CIO representing manufacturing unions, appointed by the Governor;
19 one member representing a large manufacturing concern and one

20 member representing a financial institution, appointed by the
21 president pro tempore of the Senate; one member representing a large
22 business that is heavily dependent on prime defense contracts or
23 subcontracts and one member representing a small business that is
24 heavily dependent on prime defense contracts or subcontracts
25 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives; one
26 member representing a small manufacturing concern appointed by the
27 majority leader of the Senate; one member representing a [large
28 service-related business] peace organization appointed by the majority
29 leader of the House of Representatives; one member representing [a
30 small service-related business] an environmental organization
31 appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and one member
32 representing an educational institution appointed by the minority
33 leader of the House of Representatives. Notwithstanding the
34 provisions of this subsection, the terms of all members who are not
35 serving ex-officio who are serving on June 30, 2013, shall expire on said
36 date. The members who are not serving ex-officio shall serve for a term
37 of two years, commencing July 1, [1990] 2013, and biennially thereafter,
38 and until their successors have been duly qualified. The Governor shall
39 appoint a chairperson for the commission from its membership. The
40 chairperson shall call a meeting of the commission not later than
41 October 1, 2013, and at such other times as the chairperson deems
42 necessary.

43 (c) The commission shall [develop a plan for] prepare a report
44 concerning the economic renewal of Connecticut [The plan] that shall
45 include strategies for (1) the restoration and growth of manufacturing
46 in the state, with the objective of ending the loss of manufacturing jobs
47 and causing an increase in such jobs within five years following
48 [development of the plan] preparation of the report; (2) the retention
49 and expansion of the state's economic base industries; (3) the
50 coordination of economic development policy with capital investment
51 in both public and private sectors; [and (4) the need for regional
52 approaches to economic development in the state] (4) the alignment of
53 the state's educational institutions with its manufacturing base; and (5)

54 the diversification or conversion of defense-related industries with an
55 emphasis on encouraging environmentally-sustainable and civilian
56 product manufacturing. On or before December 1, 2014, the
57 commission shall submit such report to the Governor and, in
58 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing
59 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
60 relating to commerce.

61 (d) In addition to the [development of a plan] preparation of a
62 report for economic renewal as required under subsection (c) of this
63 section, the commission shall: (1) Advise the General Assembly and
64 the Department of Economic and Community Development on issues
65 relating to (A) the diversification or conversion of defense-related
66 industries, (B) planning for and development of the state's
67 manufacturing base; (C) creation and implementation of an industrial
68 policy for the state; and (D) the creation of a business climate in the
69 state conducive to long-term planning and capital investment; (2)
70 evaluate legislation which concerns the state's economy and the overall
71 competitiveness thereof, the manufacturing and industrial sectors of
72 the state's economy and businesses that are heavily dependent on
73 prime defense contracts or subcontracts; (3) prepare and review the
74 implementation of short-term and long-term strategies to assist
75 businesses that are heavily dependent on prime defense contracts or
76 subcontracts in modifying defense industry technology production
77 capacity into nondefense related applications with an emphasis on
78 environmentally-sustainable and civilian product manufacturing; (4)
79 provide a forum that encourages public involvement to address and
80 communicate business issues, including small business issues, to the
81 public and private sectors; (5) foster opportunities for the development
82 of partnerships between government and private enterprise in areas
83 that significantly affect the state's economy; and (6) stimulate and
84 review public and private assistance and initiatives to improve the
85 competitiveness of Connecticut's economy.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	32-245
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CE *Joint Favorable Subst.*